

April 17, 2007

TO: Members of the MAG Regional Council

FROM: Mayor James M. Cavanaugh, Goodyear, Chair

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

MAG's 40th Birthday Open House - 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
MAG Office, Suite 200  
302 North 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, Phoenix

Meeting - 5:00 p.m.  
Wednesday, April 25, 2007  
MAG Office, Suite 200 - Saguaro Room

Dinner - 6:30 p.m.  
MAG Office, Suite 200

The next Regional Council meeting will be held at the MAG offices at the time and place noted above. Members of the Regional Council may attend either in person, by videoconference or by telephone conference call. Members who wish to remove any items from the Consent Agenda are requested to contact the MAG office. An open house celebrating four decades of accomplishments will be held on the second floor of the MAG offices prior to the Regional Council meeting. MAG will host a dinner/reception for current and past Regional Council members following the meeting in the MAG Cholla Room on the 2nd floor. Supporting information is enclosed for your review.

Please park in the garage underneath the building. Parking places will be reserved for Regional Council members on the first and second levels of the garage. Bring your ticket to the meeting, parking will be validated. For those using transit, the Regional Public Transportation Authority will provide transit tickets for your trip. For those using bicycles, please lock your bicycle in the bike rack in the garage.

Pursuant to Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), MAG does not discriminate on the basis of disability in admissions to or participation in its public meetings. Persons with a disability may request a reasonable accommodation, such as a sign language interpreter, by contacting the MAG office. Requests should be made as early as possible to allow time to arrange the accommodation.

If you have any questions, please call the MAG office.

c: MAG Management Committee

**MAG REGIONAL COUNCIL  
TENTATIVE AGENDA  
April 25, 2007**

	<b><u>COUNCIL ACTION REQUESTED</u></b>
1. <u>Call to Order</u>	
2. <u>Pledge of Allegiance</u>	
3. <u>Special Recognition of MAG's 40th Birthday</u>  On April 12, 2007, MAG marked its 40th birthday. MAG was formed through a concurrent resolution of its member agencies on April 12, 1967, as a forum for addressing issues that cross jurisdictional boundaries and for attaining the greatest degree of intergovernmental cooperation possible to prepare for the future growth and development of the MAG region. An open house celebrating four decades of accomplishments will be held on the second floor of the MAG offices prior to the Regional Council meeting. Former MAG officers in attendance at the Regional Council meeting will be recognized.	3. Information and discussion.
4. <u>Call to the Audience</u>  An opportunity will be provided to members of the public to address the Regional Council on items not scheduled on the agenda that fall under the jurisdiction of MAG, or on items on the agenda for discussion but not for action. Citizens will be requested not to exceed a three minute time period for their comments. A total of 15 minutes will be provided for the Call to the Audience agenda item, unless the Regional Council requests an exception to this limit. Please note that those wishing to comment on agenda items posted for action will be provided the opportunity at the time the item is heard.	4. Information.
5. <u>Executive Director's Report</u>  The MAG Executive Director will provide a report to the Regional Council on activities of general interest.	5. Information and discussion.

6. Approval of Consent Agenda

Council members may request that an item be removed from the consent agenda. Prior to action on the consent agenda, members of the audience will be provided an opportunity to comment on consent items. Consent items are marked with an asterisk (\*).

## 6. Approval of the Consent Agenda.

**ITEMS PROPOSED FOR CONSENT\*****MINUTES**\*6A. Approval of the March 28, 2007 Meeting Minutes

## 6A. Review and approval of the March 28, 2007 meeting minutes.

**TRANSPORTATION ITEMS**\*6B. ADOT Red Letter Process

In June 1996, the MAG Regional Council approved the ADOT Red Letter process, which requires MAG member agencies to notify ADOT of potential development activities in freeway alignments. Development activities include actions on plans, zoning and permits. ADOT has forwarded a list of notifications from July 1, 2006, to December 31, 2006. Upon request any of the notices can be removed from the consent agenda and returned for action at a future meeting. Please refer to the enclosed material.

## 6B. Information and discussion.

\*6C. Interim Closeout of the Federal Fiscal Year 2007 MAG Federally Funded Program

A revised initial closeout established that member agencies submitted requests to defer approximately \$39.2 million in projects from Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2007 to FFY 2008 or later. As a result, the amount of funds available during the interim closeout is approximately \$2.3 million. The amount available for the FFY 2007 closeout may change due to the final MAG region federal fund appropriations. Any changes will be provided to the Regional Council. The deadline for member agencies to submit requests for projects that can utilize these funds by the end of the federal fiscal year is April 26, 2007. The

## 6C. Approval of a list of projects to be carried forward from FFY 2007 to FFY 2008 or later and to discuss possible priorities for utilizing MAG federal funds that become available through the FFY 2007 Closeout Process.

Transportation Review Committee and the Management Committee recommended approval. Please refer to the enclosed material.

\*6D. Amendment and Administrative Modification to the FY 2007-2011 MAG Transportation Improvement Program

The FY 2007-2011 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) was approved by the MAG Regional Council on July 26, 2006. Since that time, four projects have been identified that need to be amended into the TIP and eight projects need modifications. An amendment is required to add a Maricopa County bridge rehabilitation project on old US-80 Bridge at the Gila River, and add three highway design projects: design traffic interchanges, Loop 303 (Estrella Freeway) at Cactus and Waddell Roads; design traffic interchange, Loop 303 (Estrella Freeway) at Bell Road, and design general purpose lanes, I-17: SR-74 (Carefree Hwy) to Anthem Way. The three highway design projects were included in the ADOT Program changes that were approved by the MAG Regional Council on December 13, 2006. An Administrative Modification is needed to change a City of Chandler Intelligent Transportation System project to upgrade emergency vehicle preemption systems and change the lead agency, revise the project limits for a City of Scottsdale bicycle project. An Administration Modification is also needed to segment the following highway projects. The acquisition of right of way on I-17: LI01 (Pima Fwy) to SR-74 (Carefree Hwy) is to be deleted and replaced with three projects: acquire right-of-way on I-17: Dixileta Drive to SR-74 (Carefree Highway); acquire right-of-way on I-17: Loop 101 (Pima Freeway) to Happy Valley Road; and acquire right-of-way on I-17: Happy Valley Road to Dixileta Drive. The construction project on I-17: LI01 (Pima Fwy) to SR-74 (Carefree Hwy) is to be deleted and replaced with two projects: construct HOV and general purpose lane, I-17: Loop 101 (Pima Freeway) to Jomax Road, and widen freeway, I-17: Jomax to SR-74 (Carefree Hwy). As well, the Loop 101 Pima Freeway: Princess Drive to Loop 202 construction project

6D. Approval of an Amendment and an Administrative Modification to the FY 2007-2011 Transportation Improvement Program, as listed on the attached tables.

needs to be modified to reflect new project costs of \$70.7 million. Air quality conformity consultation is considered under a separate agenda item. Please refer to the enclosed material.

\*6E. Approval of the Draft FY 2008-2012 MAG Transportation Improvement Program for an Air Quality Conformity Analysis

The 1990 Clean Air Act Amendments require that the MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) be in conformance with the applicable air quality plans. All MAG member agencies have been consulted regarding projects and these changes have been incorporated in the draft document, including some new locally and privately funded projects. The draft TIP contains more than 1,700 transportation projects, totals almost \$7.2 billion and identifies federally funded projects, ADOT projects, transit projects (including light rail), and all regionally significant projects within the region. The Transportation Review Committee and the Management Committee recommended approval of the Draft FY 2008-2012 MAG TIP for an air quality conformity analysis. Please refer to the enclosed material.

\*6F. Approval of the Draft MAG Regional Transportation Plan 2007 Update for an Air Quality Conformity Analysis

The 1990 Clean Air Act Amendments require that regional transportation plans and programs be in conformance with applicable air quality plans. To comply with this requirement, approval is being requested to conduct an air quality analysis of the Draft MAG Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) 2007 Update, prior to its consideration for final approval. The Draft RTP 2007 Update has been structured so that it fully complies with the regional transportation planning requirements of the Federal Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient, Transportation Equity Act - A legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU). These requirements must be met for plans adopted or amended after July 1, 2007. The Draft RTP 2007

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6F. Approval of the Draft MAG Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) 2007 Update for an air quality conformity analysis.

Update addresses several new topics to respond to SAFETEA-LU, including consultation on environmental mitigation and resource conservation, transportation security, and an updated public participation process. In addition, it includes revised revenue estimates, and updated life cycle programs for freeways/highways, arterial streets, and transit. The Transportation Review Committee and the Management Committee recommended approval. Please refer to the enclosed material.

#### AIR QUALITY ITEM

\*6G. Conformity Consultation

The Maricopa Association of Governments is conducting consultation on a conformity assessment for an amendment to the FY 2007-2011 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The proposed amendment includes the addition of a Maricopa County bridge rehabilitation project on old U.S. 80 at the Gila River in FY 2010 and three Arizona Department of Transportation projects on Interstate-17 and Loop 303 in FY 2007. In addition, minor project revisions have been requested for a City of Chandler Intelligent Transportation System project to upgrade emergency vehicle preemption systems, a City of Scottsdale bicycle project, and eight ADOT freeway projects. Comments on the conformity assessment are requested by April 20, 2007. Please refer to the enclosed material.

6G. Consultation.

#### GENERAL ITEMS

\*6H. Homeless Street Count Results

The MAG Continuum of Care Regional Committee on Homelessness coordinated a countywide homeless street count that took place on January 30, 2007. The information gathered from the count is required to complete the annual U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development application for McKinney-Vento homeless assistance funding. The information is also used for year-round homeless planning

6H. Information and discussion.

efforts and as a tool to demonstrate a need for housing and services for homeless people in the County. The overall street count for the region increased by 38 percent from last year to this year. Please refer to the enclosed material.

\*6I. MAG Socioeconomic Projections

In accordance with Executive Order 95-2, MAG is in the process of preparing a new set of socioeconomic projections that will replace the 2003 Interim Projections accepted by the MAG Regional Council in June 2003. Projections are used as input into the MAG transportation and air quality models, MAG transportation plans and programs, and a variety of other regional planning activities. The projections are consistent with the 2005 Census Survey, the Arizona Department of Economic Security Maricopa County control totals approved by the MAG Regional Council in December 2006, and 2007 Municipal Planning Area (MPA) boundaries. The 2010, 2020 and 2030 projections are currently being reviewed by members of the MAG Population Technical Advisory Committee. The projections will be brought to the MAG Management Committee and Regional Council for action in May. Please refer to the enclosed material.

\*6J. Update on the Regional Office Center

On April 16, 2007, the MAG Executive Committee was provided a report on potential value engineering options for the Regional Office Center. It was noted that the Valley Metro (RPTA) Board will meet on April 19, 2007 to consider taking action on the RPTA portion of the Regional Office Center. Following the RPTA meeting, a teleconference call of the MAG Executive Committee members is scheduled for April 23, 2007 to discuss indemnifying the developer, Ryan Companies, for refinement of the schematic design package. It is anticipated that the refined schematic design package will be used to develop a Guarantee Maximum Price (GMP) for the Regional Office Center. The indemnification will provide for certain elements of the building to move forward while financing

6I. Information and discussion.

6J. Information, discussion and possible ratification of the April 23, 2007 action of the Executive Committee to indemnify Ryan Companies for refinement of the schematic design package.

issues are being resolved. A report on the April 23, 2007 Executive Committee meeting will be provided. Please refer to the enclosed material.

### ITEMS PROPOSED TO BE HEARD

#### TRANSPORTATION ITEM

7. FY 2007 MAG Mid-Phase Public Input Opportunity

Under MAG's adopted public involvement process, members of the public are provided the opportunity to provide input on transportation plans and programs during four phases: Early Phase, Mid-Phase, Final Phase and Continuous Involvement. The Mid-Phase Public Input Opportunity was conducted from February 2007 through March 2007. Input opportunities included meetings of the MAG Management Committee, Transportation Policy Committee and Regional Council, several special events and a Joint Transportation Open House and Public Hearing. Events and opportunities were held in conjunction with the Arizona Department of Transportation, Valley Metro and METRO when possible. Staff will provide an overview of input received. Please refer to the enclosed material.

7. Information and discussion.

#### GENERAL ITEMS

8. Nominating Committee

Each April, the Chair of the Regional Council appoints a five-member Nominating Committee from the Regional Council. According to the Nominating Process, revised by the Regional Council in April 2002, the Nominating Committee develops a slate of seven candidates. These candidates include a Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, the Past Chair, and three members at-large. If the Past Chair is not a current member of the Council, the Nominating Committee nominates an additional at-large member. The past Chair of the Regional Council, if still a current member, serves as Chair of the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee is required to provide a balanced slate of officers.

8. Announcement of the appointment of the members of the Nominating Committee by the Chair of the Regional Council.



The slate of nominations is forwarded to all of the Regional Council members at least two weeks prior to the annual meeting in June. Please refer to the enclosed material.

9. Discussion and Update on the Draft FY 2008 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget

Each year, the MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget is developed incrementally in conjunction with member agency and public input. The Work Program is reviewed each year by the federal agencies and approved by the Regional Council in May. This presentation and review of the draft FY 2008 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget represents the budget document development to-date. The Intermodal Planning Group (IPG) meeting was held on April 12, 2007 and the draft Work Program was reviewed. A report on discussions at the IPG meeting will be provided. The elements of the budget document are about 80 percent complete. Please refer to the enclosed material.

10. Legislative Update

An update will be provided on legislative issues of interest.

11. Comments from the Council

An opportunity will be provided for Regional Council members to present a brief summary of current events. The Regional Council is not allowed to propose, discuss, deliberate or take action at the meeting on any matter in the summary, unless the specific matter is properly noticed for legal action.

9. Input on the development of the FY 2008 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget.

10. Information, discussion and possible action.

11. Information.